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In re Application of:

TAKEHIKO NAKAI

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SYSTEM HAVING THE SAME

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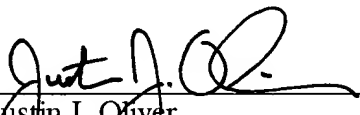
In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed.

The listed Japanese language documents belong to the same patent family as the listed U.S. patents. Applicant submits that they may be relevant for that reason.

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned, indicating that such information has been considered.

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